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SENATOR AGUILAR: Some of them come through the committee amendments and some through my staff.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, the committee amendment only does one thing and it doesn't deal in the area that I'm talking, so your staff basically made the changes that exist between this law, this proposed law, and the California law. Is that true?

SENATOR AGUILAR: Yes, I'm sure it is.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, then you...I will...no, I don't want to set a bad precedent. You're the only one who can speak on the mike. I don't have the authority to empower anybody else to speak and answer my questions. But, members of the Legislature, I'm offering the amendment for another reason. There are questions that need to be asked about this bill and you only get three chances to talk on any matter before us and the motion is to advance the bill. I think there do have to be some changes in this bill. Let me give you my view of how this thing should work, if you're going to do it at all. Since we're talking about a state appropriation, the cities should be excluded; counties should be excluded; cities and counties, I guess that's the two working together, should be excluded; and agency of the state should be excluded. And here's the way you could do it. If these outfits are interested in having these programs, let them budget for those programs. But don't set up a program with a mere piddling \$200,000 and these political subdivisions are entitled to come in for that money. They're entitled to seek whatever grants are to be made under this program. It seems to me that if you have these organizations that are going to be involved in this activity, let them meet certain requirements and standards and be the ones who will get this money, and I don't see the amount of money as being consequential. Maybe it's enough to do the job; maybe it's not. But if what Senator Aguilar said in response to my questions really constitutes his reason for this bill and the goal of it then you've got to get rid of the words "city", "county", "city and county". I would like to ask Senator Aguilar another question.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator, would you yield?

SENATOR AGUILAR: Yes.